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## Vernon County's Older Population

A summary of data from the U.S. Census, 2000

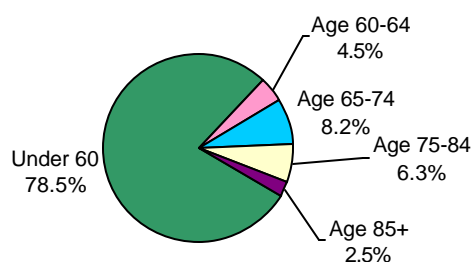
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### Population:

The proportion of people age 65 and older in Vernon County is higher than that of the state as a whole (17.0% versus 13.1%). The size of the older population has decreased 0.5% since 1990, in contrast to 7.9% growth in the state as a whole. In all, 4,769 people in this county are age 65 or older, and 713 of these are age 85 or older. Vernon County's average (or median) age is 39.1 years, compared to a statewide median of 36.0 years.

Vernon County: Population and Change Since 1990						
	2000 Census		1990 Census		Change: 1990-2000	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% Change
Total, All Ages	28,056		25,617		2,439	9.5%
Persons 60 and over	6,031	21.5%	6,022	23.5%	9	0.1%
Persons 65 and over	4,769	17.0%	4,792	18.7%	-23	-0.5%
Persons 85 and over	713	2.5%	593	2.3%	120	20.2%

**Age Groups 2000: Percent of Vernon County Population in Each Group**



### Race:

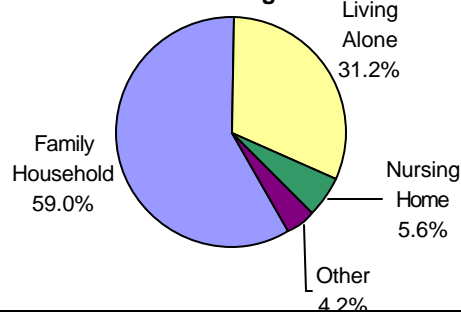
A large majority (99.6%) of Vernon County's 65 and over population is white. On average, the county's minority groups are younger than whites. Vernon County African Americans have a median age of 16.0 years, and the median age of Hispanics/Latinos here is 19.0 years. Whites, in contrast, average 39.2 years.

### Living Arrangements:

Of the 10,825 households in Vernon County, 3,241 include at least one person age 65 or older (29.9% of all households). A total of 3,063 housing units in the county have a "household head" aged 65 or older, and 79.3% of these are owner occupied (the rest are rented).

A majority (59.0%) of the older population lives in "family households" containing at least two people related by blood or marriage, but another 31.2% of people 65 or older live alone. Of those older people in family households, 3.4% are living in the home of one of their children. A total of 268 people age 65 and older live in Vernon County nursing homes (5.6% of all those in this age group). A very small number of the county's older residents live in nonfamily households or in other institutions.

**Living Arrangements of Vernon County Residents Age 65+**



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